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HEAT Break out the short shorts, and order a drink with a little umbrella, because the next few days are the last taste of summer we'll have for many months.

The city has been in the grip of a heat wave for the past couple of days, and officials at Environment Canada say we've got a few more to sweat out.

"We can tie it to what's called a large upper ridge, which is over Alberta," said Environment Canada meteorologist Rob Paola. "It's remaining stationary over Western Canada much of this week."

By Friday, temperatures will return to the seasonal average of about 15 C, but for the next few days, Edmontonians can take advantage of highs of 27 C.

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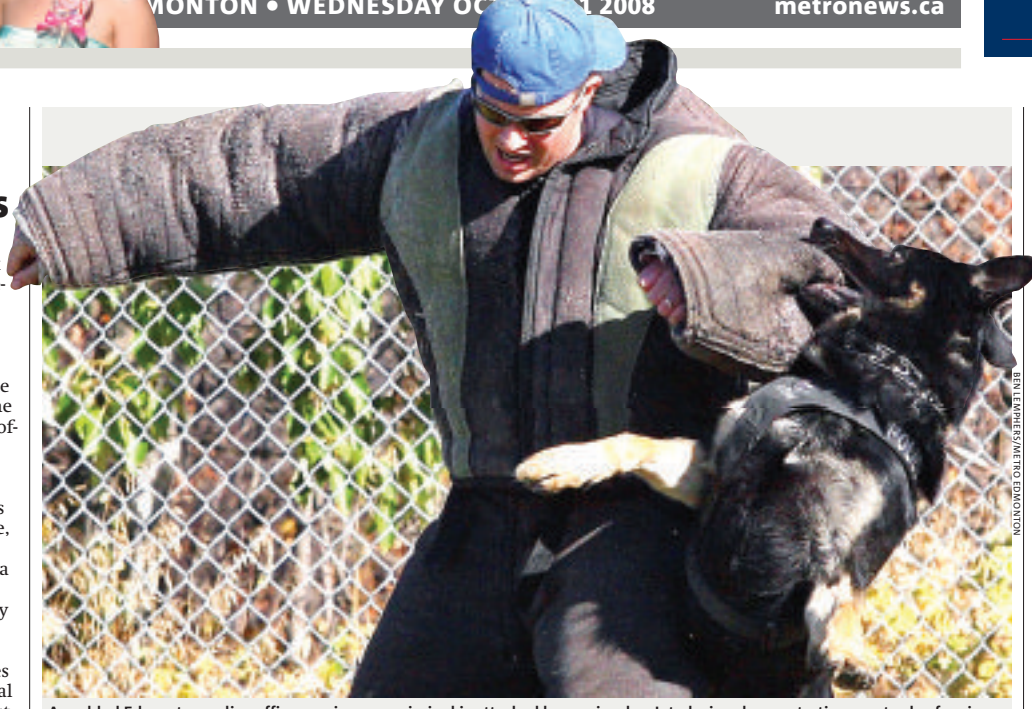

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A padded Edmonton police officer posing as a criminal is attacked by service dog Jet, during demonstrations yesterday for six post-secondary students from the capital region. The day was part of a campaign to encourage Alberta's 18-to-30-year-olds to consider a career in policing. See page 4

Second Edson attack

Schools locked down after woman targeted on path

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Schools were locked down and the town of Edson was reeling yesterday after a woman was attacked on a walking path, three days after a teenage girl was slain in broad daylight.

The woman was walking along a path near a Tim Hortons in the town's east side shortly before 1:30 p.m. when she was attacked.

The woman was taken to hospital for a medical assessment and released, said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Wayne Oakes.

Investigators compared details of the recent attack to 14-year-old Emily Stauffer's death Saturday afternoon.

"We anticipate an increased presence of RCMP officers in the area," Oakes said in a release.

Police describe the suspect in the latest case as a muscular white male in his mid 20s who is taller than 5-foot-9. He has dirty hands, a strong body odour and was wearing a black hoodie with white lettering on the chest and red material around the hood, as well as a black pair of BOCA pants, police said.

Police, meanwhile, confirmed yesterday Stauffer was a victim of foul play after an autopsy, but won't say how she was killed or if the attack was sexual in nature.

Police release a sketch of a person of interest who may have information about the case, but the Mounties say the man isn't considered a suspect.

Pizza joint shut down in wake of drug bust

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CRIME A north-end pizza joint has had its licence yanked after police busted seven people, including two employees for allegedly selling the powdered variety of coke out of the restaurant.

This week city officials revoked the business licence of Zocca's Pizzeria on Castledowns Road and 108 Street, after a number of workers were charged with a long list of trafficking offences.

The bust happened in June, but it's taken three months to process the paperwork.

In the mid-June raid, two homes and the pizza parlour were searched. Officers recovered ammunition, over $13,000 in cash, 15 grams of cocaine and cocaine lab equipment from the homes.

Four ounces of coke and $5,000 in cash was found inside Zocca's, and two people police say were connected with the drug ring were arrested outside the properties with over 900 rocks of crack.

The business owner has 14 days to appeal the indefinite closure order.

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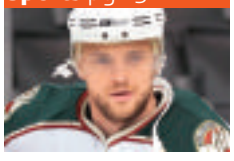

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Wheels on the bus still aren't moving

There's still a shortage of bus drivers in Edmonton. Jenny Chenier, of Southland Transportation, says the company needs 15 to 20 drivers. "We are appealing to retirees, at-home parents and entrepreneurs to make a difference," says Chenier. Interested drivers can call 780-455-8222 for more information. METRO EDMONTON

Local

SW gets 12 silver screens

Cineplex Odeon is planning a 45,000-square-foot movie theatre complex in southwest Edmonton. It will include four adult-only auditoriums, six bowling lanes and a licensed lounge. The entertainment centre, scheduled to open in 2010 near Anthony Henday Drive and 170th Street, will have 12 auditoriums in total. Also on offer is an adult lounge with appetizer menu and a private box. METRO EDMONTON

Truckers get the once-over

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Truckers who use Whitemud Drive will get a thorough once-over in the next couple of days to see which rigs are roadworthy — and which are a potential hazard.

"It's so easy for truckers that have been at it so long, they think they don't need to do pre-trip inspections," said big rig driver Tony Fuentes. "Some of them just don't care."

Fuentes said that it's common procedure with his company, Container King, to do a minimum half-hour inspection on each truck before a trip. Neglecting minor repairs, he added, can cause huge problems down the road.

Sgt. Barry Maron said that items like burnt-out signal lights or improperly secured loads will cost drivers in fines ranging from $115 to $1,000.

"It's rare that we have any difficulty with any of the drivers," he said. "Usually they're just as happy to have a defect pointed out as we are getting it off the road."

Officers stopped 109 vehicles yesterday. A total of 22 charges were laid and eight vehicles were towed.

BEN LEMPHERS/METRO EDMONTON

Police inspect driver Neil Zerb's truck yesterday on Whitemud Drive. Inspectors from across the province are pitching in to check trucks on the Whitemud for the next few days.

Truck checks scheduled

- Random police checks on trucks will be conducted on Whitemud Drive between 34 Street and 50 Street
- Checks will take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., both today and tomorrow.

Man acquitted in killing to be tried again: Court

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Alberta's top court has ordered a second trial for a man acquitted in the brutal sex slaying of a 13-year-old girl lured from the West Edmonton Mall.

The Alberta Court of Appeal has allowed the Crown to appeal the decision made in which Michael Briscoe, 37, was found not guilty of first-degree-murder, kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault in the April 2005 death of Nina Courtepatte.

Justice Brian Bellows convicted Joseph Laboucan in the case, but ruled that Briscoe — who had driven a group from the mall to the golf course — was not guilty. Three youths were also convicted.

Briscoe's lawyer had argued that Briscoe never followed the group into the course, where Courtepatte was raped and killed.

"The Crown has established that the trial judge erred in failing to consider whether (Briscoe) was willfully blind to the harm his cohorts intended to cause the victim," the three-judge panel wrote in a decision. "But for this error, the verdicts may well have been different."

Courtepatte's mother said she welcomes the decision and "hopes justice will prevail."

"I am ecstatic by the decision," Peacha Atkinson told Metro. "This gives us more closure in knowing that he is going to come back to court, and he's not going to get away with it … justice will be served in the end."

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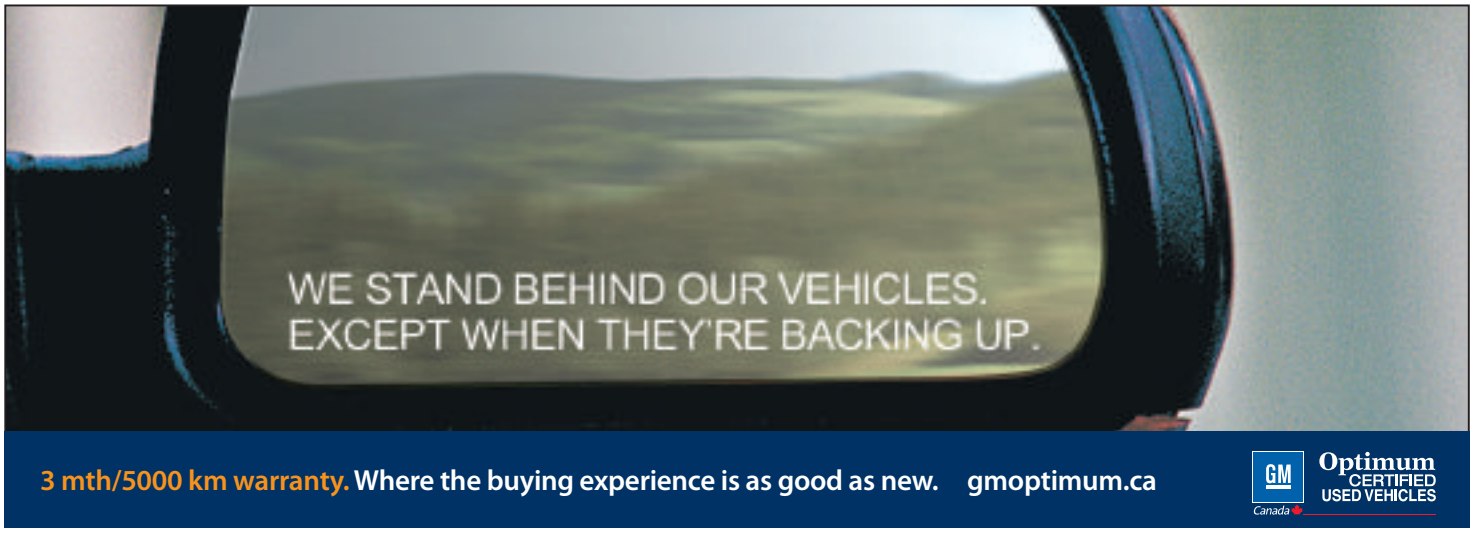
What's online today.

Watch the speech at the centre of the plagiarism scandal and check in on the leaders as they prepare for tomorrow's debate at www.metronews.ca/canada



Zombie Prom 2008

The River City Zombie Committee will be holding another creepy walk through the city on Oct. 24. For more information, or to become one of the living dead, e-mail creatureslivehere@gmail.com METRO EDMONTON

Sheriff unit to crack down on drug houses

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Alberta's sheriffs will clamp down on notorious neighbourhood homes that are known for drugs, gangs and prostitution beginning today.

A new 14-member unit of sheriffs across the province will enforce civil laws in stopping criminal activity by investigating public and anonymous complaints about illegal activities on properties and, if necessary, force landowners to shut them down for up to 90 days.

And if any criminal activity has been found during their investigation, the properties will be turned over to the police.

Police Chief Mike Boyd welcomed the move during an announcement yesterday and said problem houses and businesses have become a "crime magnet" for neighbourhoods since police research has shown spikes in break and enters and auto thefts near problematic properties.

"We need to do something about that," said Boyd.

"And we can tell you that the Edmonton Police Service has not had the resources to do that...in an effective way."

Residents can call in complaints by calling 1-866-960-7226 or checking out www.scan.alberta.ca.

For details of SCAN and their new powers see video at www.metronews.ca/local

Police issue warning on parking tickets

SCAM Police say people who park in metered lots are being approached by individuals — some of them homeless people — offering to sell parking tickets at a cheaper rate.

Often the tickets have been purchased from stolen credit cards and gift cards, say police who are aware of a number of parking ticket scams downtown and at the University of Alberta.

The fraudulently paid-for parking tickets are not valid and police say anyone using one to park could be fined.

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Students to aid in attracting 'Gen Y' to policing

A few post-secondary students put down their books yesterday and picked up sniper rifles, to help brainstorm ways to encourage their generation to opt for a career in policing.

"The 'Gen Y' group is one that we need to start attracting back into the career of policing. Interest has been declining and is no longer on the radar for students," said Tamara Fahlman, Recruiting Alberta Police Initiative spokesperson.

For the past few years, recruitment and applications have dropped dramatically, to only 300-400 total applicants each year, as compared to previous years, when thousands would apply.

"Gen Y is a unique group of people. We think they perceive it as a dangerous career," Fahlman said. "Really, policing is fifth on the list for workplace related injury and death."

Seven marketing students from various institutions strapped on riot gear, shot guns, and watched police dogs and tactical officers take down imaginary bad guys at various training facilities yesterday, in an effort to gather information to develop an advertising campaign to attract more young people to policing.

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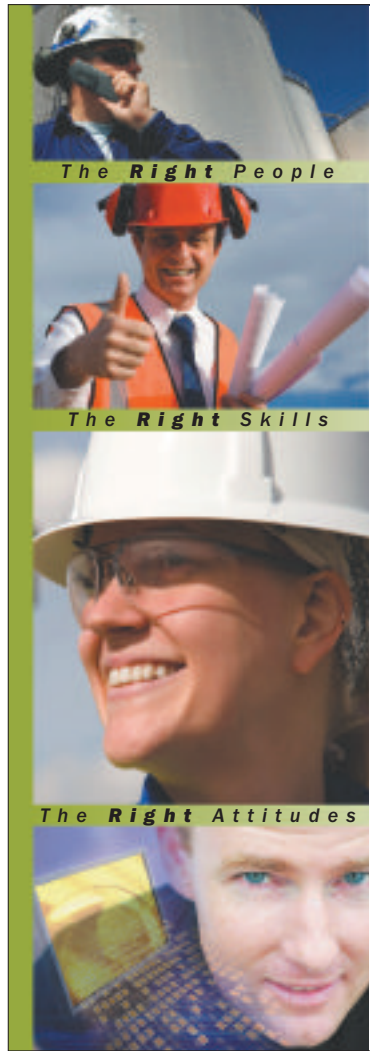

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Watchdog lacking bite

Police oversight "has hit rock bottom in Ontario" because of a watchdog agency that is timid, fearful and lacking in rigour, Ontario's ombudsman said yesterday as he introduced a report on Ontario's Special Investigations Unit. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Teen to get adult trial

A young man accused of dangerous driving causing a toddler's death outside Montreal will be judged as an adult, Quebec Superior Court ruled yesterday. The man, who turned 18 on the day of the accident, was originally to be tried as a youth according to a lower court ruling. His name is protected by a 31-day publication ban.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Registry lines jammed

Website crashes, switchboard overloads as Do Not Call List begins

Canada's widely anticipated do-not-call list was a victim of its own popularity when thousands rushed to sign up soon after it launched yesterday, crashing the registry website and clogging toll-free phone lines.

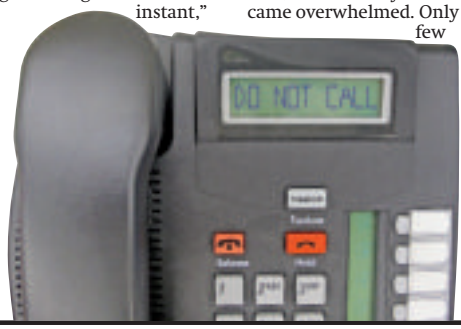
The system was so overwhelmed it crashed shortly after 9 a.m. and was available only sporadically for the rest of the day.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the federal agency in charge of the list, said yesterday it would be working overnight to increase the system's capacity. There is no deadline to sign up for the service.

"We're victims of our own success," said Denis Carmel, a spokesperson for the CRTC.

More than a million consumers had called one of two phone lines to try to register by early afternoon. At one point more than 40,000 callers were trying get through "at the same instant," Carmel said. An unknown additional number tried to sign up online at the registry's website.

Just over 200,000 consumers had succeeded in getting on the list by 1:30 p.m., Carmel said. Most of them had signed up by 9 a.m., when the system became overwhelmed. Only a few thousand were able to get through after that, he said.



The system is operated for the federal agency by Bell Canada.

"Immediate volumes were higher than anticipated, which impacted the registration website for several hours in the middle of the day. But with the addition of more bandwidth and other network resources, things are back on track,"

Bell spokesperson Jacqueline Michelis said in a later afternoon interview yesterday. that "everything is working well now."

The CRTC is advising people to be patient and try again later.

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Halifax Mi'kmaq Treaty Day

ERIN MACDONALD/FOR METRO CANADA

Pasamay Doucette takes part in the Mi'kmaq Cultural Showcase on the Halifax waterfront yesterday. The showcase continues today as part of Mi'kmaq Treaty Day ceremonies.

Nova Scotia takes marketing viral

HALIFAX What does a make believe java-brewing, leg-shaving cellphone have to do with Nova Scotia? It's apparently all in the pomegranate.

Yesterday Nova Scotia launched a campaign on the Net and the streets of Boston, Ottawa, Toronto and Calgary, the promotion is about a new, made-up phone: the pomegranate. It mocks the latest all-in-one smart phone gadgetry with abilities to brew coffee, shave your legs, double as a harmonica, do power point presentations and GPS navigation. METRO CANADA

Court system anti-Muslim: Toronto NDP candidate

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JUSTICE A Toronto NDP candidate says any Muslim facing a terror-related charge before a Canadian judge is likely to be presumed guilty until proven innocent.

El-Farouk Khaki, an immigration lawyer and Toronto Centre candidate, says he draws his view from the guilty verdict last week at the first "Toronto 18" trial.

"I'm not saying every judge in every court is going to be prejudiced," Khaki said yesterday. "But I think certainly the atmosphere and the environment" is one of anti-Muslim prejudice, he said.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said he had no comment.

"I haven't talked to El-Farouk or seen his comments yet," Layton said.

The Liberal incumbent in Toronto Centre, Bob Rae, said Khaki's comments "show an astounding lack of judgment and they are entirely inappropriate."

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Judges block implant suit

RULING An estimated 29,500 women who received silicone breast implants between 1962 and 1992 can't sue the federal government for exposing them to harm caused by the devices, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The decision shuts the door on a proposed class-action lawsuit and could make it difficult for Canadians to sue the government over other hazardous products, lawyers for the women say.

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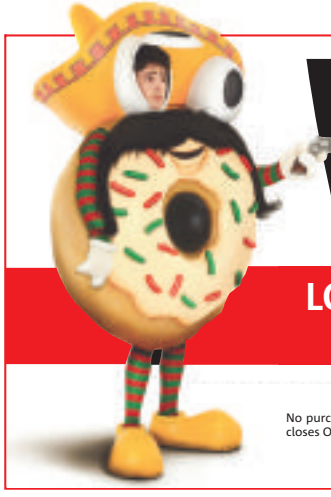
News in brief

KHADR The Canadian Bar Association and more than a half-dozen other legal groups demanded yesterday that the Canadian government repatriate Omar Khadr, now awaiting trial at a U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, CBC News Online reports.

CALGARY Alberta Health and Wellness is considering an alternative HPV vaccination program for students in the wake of Calgary's Catholic School Board's ban of the vaccine.

RADLER David Radler, the former president of Hollinger International and confidant of Conrad Black, has been transferred out of a U.S. prison back to Canada, according to authorities, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Election 2008

Riding profile

Economy on the minds of Beaumont voters: Tory candidate

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A former sales manager for the Edmonton Oilers who is seeking another term to represent federal voters in Edmonton-Mill Woods-Beaumont believes the economy is his riding's No. 1 issue.

Mike Lake, the Conservative incumbent, believes many voters in his riding are concerned about Canada's future in the economy and any economic hits to the country would mean big hits to his riding.

"Voters here want to maintain that stability after what they've been seeing what has been going on globally," said Lake.

"Here in Canada, we've been not totally immune to it, but things have been pretty good compared to other places. But people here want to make sure it stays that way."

Pundits say Lake, who was overwhelmingly chosen by voters in 2006, is another sure-shot at coming out on top for the riding on the Oct. 14 election day.

But Michael Butler, whose wife was murdered last year in their Mill Woods home, is once again jumping into politics in hopes of changing crime laws in Canada as an NDP candidate.

Butler, who was unable to be reached for comment, has said earlier that his campaign will focus on criminal issues since it is a high priority for his riding. And he wants to see better facilities across the country to treat drug addictions.

Butler, who ran as a provincial NDP candidate last spring, was in Red Deer when his wife, Stephanie, was beaten to death in their home April 7, 2007. His brother was charged for the murder.

Indira Saroya, a co-owner of a Mill Woods day care, is running as the Liberal candidate.

David Allan Hrushka, a businessman, will be running for the Green party.

13 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks during a news conference in Ottawa earlier this week. Harper is under fire for plagiarizing a speech from Australian prime minister John Howard in 2003.

Harper '03 speech ripped off: Adviser

A senior Conservative policy adviser has quit amid damaging revelations by the Liberals that a major 2003 speech by Conservative Leader Stephen Harper on the Iraq war copied almost word-for-word a speech by former Australian prime minister John Howard.

The resignation came hours after the Conservative campaign downplayed the plagiarism allegation as cheap "gotcha politics" on the eve of the French debate, "irrelevant" to the election at hand.

Owen Lippert, a campaign worker in Conservative party headquarters, admitted the speech was ripped off.

Lippert, an experienced foreign policy researcher with a PhD and expertise in intellectual property, apologized, quit the Conservative campaign, and distanced Harper from the brazen act of plagiarism.

"I was tasked with — and wrote — a speech for the then-leader of the Opposition. Pressed for time, I was overzealous in copying segments of another world leader's speech," said Lippert in a written release on party letterhead.

> **"Pressed for time, I was overzealous in copying segments of another world leader's speech."**
> Owen Lippert

"Neither my superiors in the office of the leader of the Opposition nor the leader of the Opposition was aware that I had done so.

"I apologize to all involved and have resigned my position from the Conservative campaign."

It is the second resignation by a Conservative campaign official and comes as Harper was preparing to square off against his four political rivals tonight in the nationally televised French leaders' debate.

Harper, whose meticulous attention to and re-writing of his speeches is a point of pride for him and often precludes any advance distribution of them to reporters, was in rehearsals for the French-language debate. He was not available to answer any questions on the matter.

Despite initially downplaying it, Harper spokesman Kory Teneycke said in an interview with the Toronto Star after Lippert resigned that "of course" officials were concerned when the allegations first arose.

"It's a rare occurrence in academics, journalism or in politics. It's a very serious thing when it does happen, but it's not unprecedented in any of those occupations. But in all of those occupations, it's the third rail."

That's a metaphor for political dynamite, a potential career-ender.

"It's a very serious thing when it happens, for obvious reasons," Teneycke said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Watch Stephen Harper's March 2003 speech on Iraq at metronews.ca/canada

Harper, Howard had close ties

- The Harper government was only months olds when Australian prime minister John Howard was the first foreign leader invited to address Parliament in 2006.
- The invitation reflected the close ties between Howard's government and Harper's. Howard headed Australia's Liberal party, which, despite its name, is "small-c" conservative.
- As Harper was putting together a campaign strategy, his advisers drew strength from Howard's four straight election wins, former Harper campaign manager and adviser Tom Flanagan wrote in his 2007 book, Harper's Team.
- Australia's national newspaper, The Australian, in May 2006 described Harper's campaign "as being straight from Howard's Australian election handbook in almost every way." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rae reveals similarities between two Iraq speeches

UNCOVERED Bob Rae says he learned only last weekend about the similarities in speeches given by Australia's prime minister and Stephen Harper in 2003.

Rae, who made the revelation about the speeches yesterday, said he had already been planning to give a speech on foreign policy, arguing "Canada needs to find its own voice again."

Rae, the Liberal foreign affairs critic, said there was no attempt to delay the release of the tapes until this week's leaders' debates. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Financial fallout leads to change in debate format

The financial crisis in the United States has forced the economy to the forefront of Canada's televised leaders' debates.

Broadcast executives yesterday rewrote the format of tonight's French-language debate and tomorrow's English-language event to allow the five politicians more time to discuss the fallout from the financial storm that has been pummelling stocks and financial markets.

The decision to devote more time to what has become the key issue in the election came after the Conservatives appealed to the broadcast consortium that runs the debates to reserve an hour — instead of 12 minutes — for the economy.

The New Democrats and the Green party endorsed the request, and the consortium agreed to set aside the first 30 minutes for the economy.

Gone are the opening and closing statements by the leaders.

"Given recent events in the global economy and its impact on Canada the economy has become a paramount issue," the consortium said in a statement.

The global economic troubles and the revelation that Harper delivered a plagiarized speech in 2003 promise new drama to the political face-off that has become a staple of federal election campaigns. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Broadcast times

- The French debate will be broadcast live from 6 to 8 tonight on CBC, Radio-Canada, Global Television, CTV and TVA. The English debate is tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m.

The stakes are high as the leaders prepare for this week's debates. Watch at metronews.ca/canada

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Burning issue for artists

Actress Mary Walsh gathered a group of Newfoundlanders at Middle Cove Beach for a Sweater Vest Burning Bonfire Monday — a shot at Stephen Harper's new clothing style. The arts community is livid with the Conservatives for cutting funding to arts programming. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Election 2008

Heard on the Street: What's the most important issue in this election campaign?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada

Lorne Shandro
Edmonton

A: The biggest thing, I think, is integrity, because the previous government lacked it and Harper is cleaning up a lot of areas that needed to be cleaned up. It's important to understand where Alberta's role is federally.

Gloria Stephenson
Edmonton

A: Health care and education are the most important things. I don't think the health-care system is as good as it could be and we need more doctors. University tuition is also way too high and we need more solutions for day care.

Erin Zacharias
Edmonton

A: I think we need to focus more on the environment and consider more eco-friendly options like solar power.

Ingrid McLean
age 21, Halifax

A: I find it's really expensive to go to university now. We're all in debt; I'm in a horrible amount of debt. Once I get out I'm pretty much guaranteed to be working a crappy job to pay it off.

Mahmoud Amer
age 24, Ottawa

A: We need better health care, less taxes and better loans and bursaries for students.

Ève Côte
age 29, Montreal

A: The environment and the war in Afghanistan. I'm more concerned about the environment since I have a child. Our future should be green ... Money invested in war should be used for the environment.

Paul Dolan
age 41, Toronto

A: It's probably going to be the economy and what's going to happen ... It will be interesting to see which party's going to come up with the best approach to offset what's going to happen here.

Sam McKee
age 19, Calgary

A: The environment. We're not doing nearly enough to invest in alternative technologies like solar electricity or wind power.

Lea Lokman
age 22, Vancouver

A: Immigration is important. I am afraid (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper might crack down on policy, which would be difficult for international students like me who want to stay here long term.

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Election 2008

Environmental groups rally for anti-Tory vote

Greenpeace and Sierra Club Canada teamed up yesterday to urge Canadians to defeat Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

The two prominent environmental groups told a press conference they've taken the "unprecedented" move of getting directly involved in the election to challenge the Conservative government's climate change plan, which has been roundly criticized both nationally and internationally.

"If you care about the environment and if you want real action on climate change, do not vote Conservative," said Greenpeace executive director Bruce Cox.

Cox said the Conservative government has ignored the best available science to combat global warming and in so doing is jeopardizing Canada's environmental future.

"This election represents a critical turning point," said Stephen Hazell, executive director of Sierra Cub Canada.

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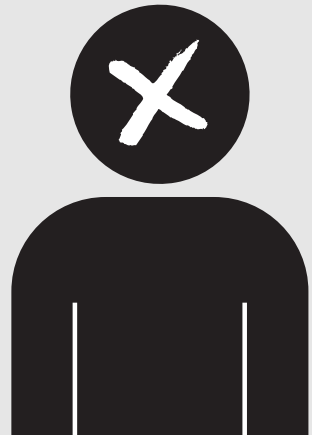

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OR

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- Outdoors Card and Licences
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- Local Property Tax Assessment
- School, College or University Report Card or Transcript
- Residential Lease, Residential Mortgage Statement or Agreement
- Canada Child Tax Benefit Statement
- Income Tax Assessment Notice
- Insurance Policy
- Government Cheque or Government Cheque Stub with elector name
- Statement of Employment Insurance Benefits Paid (T4E)
- Canada Pension Plan Statement of Contributions/Quebec Pension Plan Statement of Participation
- Statement of Old Age Security (T4A) or Statement of Canada Pension Plan Benefits (T4AP)
- Statement of Benefits from provincial workplace safety or insurance board
- Statement of Direct Deposit for provincial works or provincial disability support program
- Vehicle Ownership
- Vehicle Insurance
- Attestation of Residence issued by the responsible authorities (shelters, soup kitchens, student/senior residences, long-term care facilities)
- Letter from public curator

Note: The pieces of identification required under the *Canada Elections Act* are not the same as those for provincial or municipal elections.
The above information is also available in a number of heritage and Aboriginal languages on the Elections Canada Web site at www.elections.ca.

www.elections.ca 1-800-INFO-VOTE 1-800-463-6868 TTY 1-800-361-8935 for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Vitamin C may blunt chemo effects: Study

Vitamin C supplements may undercut the effectiveness of cancer drugs, a U.S. study published today showed. When used on human cancer cells treated with a form of vitamin C in lab dishes, chemotherapy drugs killed 30 to 70 per cent fewer tumour cells than usual, the scientists wrote in the journal Cancer Research. REUTERS

World/Business

Formula aids immigration predictions

STUDY Scientists have devised a formula to allow countries to predict immigration trends, according to a study published this week.

The new mathematical model is based on a detailed study of the flow of people into 11 countries, including Canada, from 1960 to 2004, a team led by Joel Cohen of the Rockefeller University in New York said.

The model indicated Canada and the United States are getting the most immigrants from Latin America. REUTERS

News in brief

HEALTH China's contaminated milk products scandal, which has landed thousands of children in hospital in China this month, has reignited calls from medical experts for a return to breastfeeding. Apart from expounding the various merits of breastmilk, they warned Asian countries of a possible rise in incidences of diseases like breast cancer and osteoporosis in the years ahead.

AWARDS A proposal to turn the city of Venice into a Disney-style theme park has won a prize from a famed Venetian academy, even though it rejected the idea. The venerable Istituto Veneto described the scheme by British economist John Kay as a thought-provoking critique of the Italian city's unwieldy tourist economy. REUTERS

U.S. party nominees urge bailout revival

'This is a time for action,' Obama tells rally

White House contenders Barack Obama and John McCain sought to persuade skeptical Americans yesterday to back a $700 billion US Wall Street bailout package and planned to be in Washington today to vote on the measure.

A day after the U.S. House sent global markets reeling by rejecting the financial rescue plan, Senate leaders said yesterday they scheduled a vote for this evening on a new version of the measure, including a big increase in the amount of bank deposits protected by the government's insurance program.

The campaigns of Obama and McCain said the candidates would be on hand for the vote.

Obama and McCain had blamed each other for contributing to the collapse of the legislation Monday, but a day later each stressed the need for both parties to work together to try to reach an agreement palatable to some of the 228 members of Congress who voted to defeat the bailout.

Both encouraged Americans to back a Wall Street rescue because, as McCain said in Des Moines, Iowa, "Inaction is not an option."

Obama told thousands at an outdoor rally in Reno: "It is not a time for politicians to concern themselves with the next election. It is a time for all of us to concern ourselves with the future of the country we love. This is a time for action." REUTERS

Pressure

- If the bailout package passes the Senate this evening, as expected, it would put more pressure on the House to follow suit when it meets again tomorrow.

Protest Crosses against coal-fired power plant

PIERRE GALLES/REUTERS

Greenpeace activists deploy 200 floating crosses during a protest to symbolize the threat of a planned new coal-fired power plant to the Corinthian Gulf off Greece yesterday.

Business

July's GDP growth a fast and fleeting feeling

Canada's economy dazzled in July with the biggest expansion since 2004, but economists called the news "ancient history" and predicted sliding growth rates from now on due to the financial crisis.

In figures pointing to a much stronger than expected start to the third quarter, Statistics Canada said yesterday the economy grew 0.7 per cent in July, thanks primarily to a surge in crude oil and natural gas production.

That was more than three times market forecasts of a 0.2 per cent advance and followed June GDP growth of just 0.1 per cent.

But analysts cautioned investors not to read too much into the good news.

"Enjoy it while you can, since July's GDP print is a rearview mirror fantasy that is bound to give way to the reality of a much weaker economy once data pushes into the current environment," Scotia Capital economists Derek Holt and Karen Cordes said in a note to clients. REUTERS

Markets rebound

The Toronto Stock Exchange's main index yesterday jumped more than 4 per cent, or 467.83 points, recouping more than half the previous day's heavy losses.

Torstar publisher changeup as Pike bids for Pan Am

MEDIA Newspaper executive Don Babick has been named interim publisher of the Toronto Star and president of Star Media Group, effective Saturday.

He replaces Jagoda Pike, who is going to head up the Ontario bid to host the 2015 Pan American Games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EnCana's oilsands division reborn as Cenovus Energy

OIL Cenovus Energy Inc. is the name that EnCana Corp. is giving the oilsands and refining division it plans to spin off next year.

The moniker mashes together the word "century" and the Latin word for "new." The natural-gas division will keep the EnCana name. REUTERS

Business in brief

TAKEOVER Fording Canadian Coal Trust shareholders approved a $14-billion US takeover by Teck Cominco yesterday. The transaction also received Alberta court approval.

RAILWAY U.S. regulators gave Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. the green light for its $1.5-billion US takeover of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp. REUTERS

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More than 100 dead in temple stampede

INDIA At least 103 people died in a stampede at a temple in the Indian desert state of Rajasthan as Hindus gathered to begin Navratri, one of the most important religious festivals of the year, police said yesterday.

A handful of people fell while climbing a steep slope toward the Chamunda temple, sited inside a hilltop fort near the city of Jodhpur, triggering the crush, a Reuters photographer at the scene said.

"People were falling over one another. Many ran, but were trampled under the feet of thousands," Anubhav, a witness who only gave his first name, said.

> **"Many ran, but were trampled under the feet of thousands."**
> Witness Anubhav

Other witnesses said too many people were trying to pass through a narrow part of the climb at the same time. Many suffocated after they fell and a further 150 people were injured. REUTERS

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Gonchar to have shoulder surgery

Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman Sergei Gonchar will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his dislocated left shoulder tomorrow and be sidelined for four to six months. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Raiders fire head coach Kiffin

Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis finally pulled the trigger yesterday and fired embattled second-year head coach Lane Kiffin, left, while naming offensive line coach Tom Cable as interim head coach. Davis fired Kiffin without pay via the telephone. Cable is the fifth head coach in the past six seasons for the Silver and Black. Kiffin guided the Raiders to a 4-12 mark in his first season with the club in 2007, before a 1-3 start this season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Chasing Mats Sundin

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Two NHL clubs in Canada who've been getting nowhere in their almost-daily pursuits of Swedish free agent Mats Sundin have begun to make pitches for a younger offensive star from Slovakia.

Sources tell Metro that both the Vancouver Canucks and Ottawa Senators have informed Minnesota Wild officials that they'd be willing and eager to take Marian Gaborik off their hands in a trade if they can't sign the high-scoring winger to a new contract.

Gaborik, 26, is seeking a salary worth more than $8.5-million U.S. a season. And, while Minnesota officials would like to accommodate Gaborik by renegotiating his existing deal, they doubt they can afford to pay him what he'd like. If the sides can't agree on a new contract soon, the Wild may trade him. They also could continue to negotiate in the coming regular season, but that would be a distraction players and clubs generally prefer to avoid.

While keeping their eyes on the Gaborik situation, the Canucks and Sens continue to regularly chase the 37-year-old Sundin on the free-agent market and have offered the ex-captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs even more than what it would take to satisfy Gaborik.

• Another Canadian club, meanwhile, is exceeding its salary cap and is planning to unload a player or two to free up space. The Calgary Flames wouldn't mind solving their problem by dealing veteran defenceman Adrian Aucoin and his $4-million salary. Thing is, Aucoin has a no-trade clause

• Add the names of Gord Kirke and Phil Lind to the list of candidates to succeed Paul Godfrey as the Blue Jays' president.

Kirke is a renowned sports lawyer who drafted the original documents to create the Jays back in 1976. Lind is an executive with the Rogers group that owns the Jays. Also on the list are ex-Rogers exec John Tory and ex-Jays execs Paul Beeston and Pat Gillick.

• Gillick is completing his tenure as general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, who are favoured to win the World Series this month … Right behind the Phils on the favourites' list are the Chicago Cubs, who've gone 100 years without a Series championship. B.C. native Ryan Dempster, who predicted an end to the Cubs' drought on the first day of spring training, starts in Chicago's playoff opener today … New York's Shea Stadium, after 44 years, is history as the Mets prepare to move to a new facility next season, but, for a mere $100,000, you can buy its home dugout. If you're searching for a bargain, buy the visitor's dugout for $50,000.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Sports in brief

NHL The Vancouver Canucks named goalie Roberto Luongo has the team's captain yesterday. He won't be allowed to wear the 'C' on his jersey though because of NHL rule forbidding goalies to do so.

Luongo

MLB MLB announced yesterday that Brad Lidge of the Philadelphia Phillies and Cliff Lee of the Cleveland Indians are the recipients of the 2008 Comeback Player of the Year Award.

NHL The Edmonton Oilers only managed to get 19 shots on Calgary goalie Curtis McElhinney who got the shutout in a 4-0 Flames win in pre-season action last night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

One-game tiebreaker

Minnesota at Chicago W. Sox, 5:37

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS

BEST OF FIVE

L.A. Angels vs. Boston

TONIGHT'S GAME

Boston at L.A. Angels, 8:07

FRIDAY'S GAME

Boston at L.A. Angels, 7:37

Tampa Bay vs. Chicago White Sox

TOMORROW'S GAME

Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 12:37

FRIDAY'S GAME

Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 4:07

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS

BEST OF FIVE

Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers

TODAY'S GAME

L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 4:37

TOMORROW'S GAME

L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 7:37

Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee

TODAY'S GAME

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 1:07

TOMORROW'S GAME

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 4:07

CFL

WEEK 15

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Calgary at Saskatchewan, 8

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NFL

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San Diego at Miami, 11

Atlanta at Green Bay, 11

Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 11

Tennessee at Baltimore, 11

Indianapolis at Houston, 11

Kansas City at Carolina, 11

Washington at Philadelphia, 11

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Buffalo at Arizona, 2:15

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Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 6:15

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Audi lives life large

Performance-packed A4 makes room for more fun

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

The Audi A4 has grown for 2009 — literally. Width is up by 53 mm, while track increases by 46 mm, improving shoulder room and handling respectively.

More importantly, the wheelbase stretches 165 mm although overall length is only up by 117 mm. Audi now claims best-in-class rear legroom, meaning it's safe to take your friends for drives again.

From an enthusiast's point of view, the additional length and wheelbase free up room for the new front chassis architecture. Borrowed from the A5/S5 coupes, the revisions allow the engine to sit more between the front wheels instead of ahead of the front axle, providing better balance and handling.

The front suspension itself is still Audi's traditional five-link system, with a trapezoidal link rear setup.

The direct-injection engines are familiar yet tweaked for '09, adopting Audi's new Valvelift system to maximize power and efficiency. The 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder has received a thorough going over, producing 211 hp and a fantastic 258 lb-ft of torque from 1,500 to 4,500 rpm. The 2.0 TFSI will scoot the A4 from 0-100 km/h in a scant 6.7 seconds, and returns 8.2 L/100 km combined.

However, the optional 3.2-litre V6 seems less impressive on paper. While its 265 hp is up 15 from before, the 3.2 V6 FSI only accelerates to 100 km/h two-tenths faster yet averages 10.1 L/100 km combined.

For now, both engines are offered with six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmissions, although six-speed manuals and a CVT (only on FrontTrak models) will make appearances later in the spring.

Most models will come equipped with Audi's legendary quattro all-wheel drive system, although now power is biased 40/60 front/rear in an effort to improve its driving manners. Don't expect RS4-like handling prowess as the A4 is tuned much less aggressively.

Safety is handled with six 'adaptive' airbags, ABS with ESP, brake assist and brake-disc wiping, and height-adjustable seatbelts. Strangely, rear airbags are still only optional.

The A4 comes in two bodystyles — for now: Sedan and Avant (wagon).

New for 2009 is Side Assist, plucked from the Q7 SUV, which uses the rear parking sensors to determine if a vehicle is sitting in the car's blind spot and will flash to warn the driver accordingly.

A4 pricing starts at $39,700 for a FrontTrak with a manual transmission, although for now, all models offered in Canada will be quattro-equipped with Tiptronic.

Even entry-level A4s get a good amount of standard equipment, including 17-in wheels, a sunroof, leather seats, aluminum interior, split-folding rear seat, power driver's seat, 10-speaker 180-watt sound system with auxiliary input, and automatic climate control.

Moving up the ladder, the 2.0 TFSI quattro Premium includes bi-xenon headlights, a six-disc CD player, three-zone climate control, Bluetooth capability and automatic wipers and lights.

The 3.2 FSI comes only one way: Fully loaded, meaning all the toys in the Premium package plus a 505-watt 14-speaker Bang & Olufson sound system, Side Assist, rear parking sensors, auto-dimming mirrors, adaptive headlights, and a colour driver information display.

The interior is pulled directly from the A5/S5, so it's certainly familiar and well put together.

Audi now claims best-in-class rear legroom, meaning it's safe to take your friends for drives again.

2009 Audi A4

Type: Sedan
Price: $39,700
Engine: 2.0-litre I-4, 16 valve DOHC, Turbocharged, Direct Injection / 3.2-litre V6, 24 valve DOHC, Direct Injection
HP: 211 @ 5,300-6,000 rpm / 265 @ 6,500 rpm

Highlights

- Larger interior space
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Zenn gears up for Canadian debut

Zenn Motor Company (ZMC) is ready for the Canadian debut of its all-electric Zenn vehicles in Quebec. Following the announcement by Transport Minister Julie Boulet of a three- year, province-wide pilot project enabling the sale of low-speed vehicles (LSVs), ZMC has obtained a retailer licence to enable direct customer sales from its factory in Saint-Jérôme, Que.

To celebrate its Canadian debut, Zenn is hosting a launch event for the made-in-Quebec, zero-emission, no-noise Zenn at its Saint-Jerome manufacturing facility this Saturday.

> **"It is certainly fitting that its [Zenn's] Canadian debut is in this highly progressive province [Quebec] that is committed to supporting zero emission transportation solutions."**
> Zenn CEO Ian Clifford

"The all-electric Zenn is proudly manufactured in Quebec and it is certainly fitting that its Canadian debut is in this highly progressive province that is committed to supporting zero emission transportation solutions," says Ian Clifford, CEO of Zenn.

The Zenn is a fully featured, all-electric, low-speed vehicle that offers consumers a guilt-free driving experience. The Zenn represents everything good about personal transportation: It's stylish, fun and socially responsible.

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Travel

Award winner

For the second time in five years, Cancun has won the World Travel Award for Best Destination in Central America and the Caribbean. The awards celebrate the cream of the crop in the world travel industry. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Take a stroll to the 18th century

United Kingdom offers look at lavish filming locations in homes and gardens

EMMA E. FORREST
for Metro World News

Keira Knightley's new movie, The Duchess, is the perfect way to spirit yourself back to the 18th century.

The movie is based on the biography of Georgiana Spencer, a beautiful aristocrat who marries the wealthy but cold duke of Devonshire. While her marriage is empty, her social schedule is full — she's a society darling, fashion icon, political campaigner, adulterer, compulsive gambler and England's first celebrity.

But just as dramatic as Georgiana's story are the lavish costumes, towering wigs and the sumptuous 18th century sets.

Director Saul Dibb was committed to making the set as authentic as possible, so the movie was filmed in real 18th century homes and gardens.

Cast and crew travelled the length of England to find the most suitable locations in which to film, picking a dining room from one house and a ballroom from another in order to create the perfect look Dibb wanted. Filming was challenging, not only because of the attention to detail but because of the restrictions involved in filming in these protected, historic homes.

Keira Knightley walks down the hall of Greenwich Naval College in London.

Viewers get the chance to see inside some of the most opulent historic houses in England throughout the movie, but can also go for a snoop in person — all of these stunning places are open to the public. Georgiana's country home, Chatsworth House, was built between 1686 and 1707 and is still the Devonshires' home today.

Set in extensive grounds, in the stunning rolling green hills of the Derbyshire countryside, this vast manor and the magnificent gardens are open to the public, so you can sweep through the long corridors like Knightley does in the film.

Unfortunately, the duke and duchess's London residence, Devonshire House, no longer exists, so Dibb had to create it by using the best of some of the most majestic stately homes in England.

One of London's loveliest art galleries, the Neoclassical Somerset House was used to represent the exterior of Devonshire House. Come here to see the building's grand Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court that Georgiana enters by horse-drawn carriage when she is first taken home by the Duke and greeted by legions of servants. The building is home to the Courtald Gallery, which has one of the most important collections of art in England — including works by Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Cezanne and Turner. (somersethouse.org.uk)

Another house used to portray Devonshire House is Kedleston Hall in Derbyshire. The gardens and five of the rooms in this Neoclassical mansion, owned by the National Trust, were used during filming, as well as Althorp, the Spencer family home, and one of Georgiana's rented villas in Bath.

Two of Kedleston's staffers were used as extras on the five-week shoot here, and four property managers had to follow the crew around the house to ensure the interiors weren't damaged.

Until March 2009, Kedleston Hall will be showcasing some of Knightley's costumes for The Duchess and behind-the-scenes photos of the shoot here, as well as parts of a replica floor that was made to protect the Marble Hall floor during a ballroom scene (nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-kedlestonhall).

Chatsworth House exhibit

- Chatsworth House is holding an exhibition titled Georgiana Duchess until Oct. 31, where you'll be able to view some of Georgiana's private letters, gambling bills and, also, some of the extravagant gowns worn by Knightley and the cast in the film (chatsworth.org).

Slovenia's Julian Alps offer endless hiking options

For outdoor adventurers who love to hike, the Slovenian landscape is Mother Nature's playground. With 10,000 kilometres of marked paths across the country, the hiking possibilities seem endless, from the tops of snow-crusted mountains to the base of the river gorge.

Slovenia's big attraction centres around the Julian Alps, a mountain range of 4,400 kilometres with 120 peaks over 2,000 metres high. Less tourist-y than the Alpine spine that snakes across Italy or Switzerland, the Julian Alps provide an alternative for tourists looking to escape mainstream crowds and mainstream prices.

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All through the region, there are thousands of paths challenging climbers of all levels. Some hikes span weeks, some span days, others hours. Choosing which one is right for you depends on your level of fitness and schedule.

Here are three popular hiking options:

- The Slovenian Mountain Path is a 500-kilometre hike, stretching from Maribor to Ankaran. This 30-day adventure crosses the mountains and ends on the shores of the Adriatic Sea.

JULIA DIMON/METRO CANADA

A popular hike just outside of Bled, this 1,600-metre path along the Radova River winds through Slovenia's Vintgar gorge.

The Path Over Martinj Vrh takes hikers across 13 kilometres of ridges, peaks, picturesque villages and farms that offer homestays.

- Another popular ascent is Triglav, the highest mountain in Slovenia. With a summit of 2,500 metres, Triglav usually takes two to three days to hike and is a must do for any "real Slovenian."
- For a quick day hike, I travelled just outside of the historic town of Bled for a glimpse at Vintgar Gorge. Discovered in 1891, Vintgar has been a tourist attraction since the late 19th century. While it was dangerous to visit back then, today's well-marked trail of wooden planks makes it accessible to everyone.

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Beck's books

Soccer superstar David Beckham is set to launch a series of books for kids, set at his soccer academies in London and Los Angeles, with the help of a ghostwriter. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

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Quirky inventors hold films' interest

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Flash of Genius tells the dramatic true story of Professor Robert Kearns, the inventor of the intermittent windshield wiper.

Now, if you're thinking that sounds like an unusual premise for a multimillion dollar Hollywood blockbuster, you would be correct.

But it's not just the oddness of the invention; Hollywood has had an aversion to all true stories about inventors lately.

Not since the 1940s with classic flicks like Mervyn LeRoy's Madame Curie or Edison the Man have films about great true discoverers made a significant impact in Tinseltown.

Instead, it seems that producers are more attracted by the quirkiness of character than the greatness of invention. As the stars of Flash of Genius — in theatres on Friday — would attest, their film is no different.

"There are probably more invention stories out there that have more heroism and triumph in them," says Flash of Genius actress Lauren Graham during a recent interview. "What's interesting about this person is how far he went in pursuit of what he believed was right."

That's true. Ripped off by the auto industry, the film shows Kearns (played by Greg Kinnear), enduring decades of obsessive legal battles against a mighty corporation. Kinnear insists that it was Kearns' eccentricities that producers found intriguing.

"What was more interesting about him was less of his engineering background and more of just his prickly, uncompromising stubborn human quality that, as Alan Alda says (in the film) wasn't the most charming element to be around."

> **"That's why I loved it — even though it was seemingly about a windshield wiper, it was really about something else."**
> Director Marc Abraham

Eccentricity is the driving force behind most inventor stories nowadays. Whether it's Martin Scorsese's look at Howard Hughes in The Aviator (he invented several aviation innovations but is more revered for his overgrown fingernails and extreme obsessions) or The Road to Wellville, featuring Anthony Hopkins as John Harvey Kellogg — the holistic doctor who created corn flakes.

It's tough to find a movie featuring good ol' run-of-the-mill inventors.

In fact, the way Hollywood views invention stories these days can probably be best summed up by what attracted director Marc Abraham to Flash of Genius.

"This movie falls into that zone, where it's about somebody fighting for principle," says Abraham. "That's why I loved it — even though it was seemingly about a windshield wiper, it was really about something else."

Greg Kinnear stars in Flash of Genius, a film about a stubborn inventor opening this Friday.

Applegate admits tears before surgery

CANCER Actress Christina Applegate felt sure she'd avoided the emotion of her recent cancer diagnosis, but burst into tears when a surgeon came to perform a double masectomy, imdb.com reports.

Applegate admits she had no problems telling her doctor to remove her breasts but when it came to the actual procedure, Applegate was overcome with emotion.

"I was just gonna let them go ... and then, when I met with my doctor and I told him that was my decision and he brought the surgeon in, it was like the floodgates just opened up and I lost it," Applegate told talk-show host Oprah Winfrey.

Christina Applegate

Applegate also described the moment she was told she had breast cancer. "Right now, I'm sitting here shaking, remembering that moment. As you guys know, you don't think it's gonna happen to me."

But Applegate admits she secretly knew she'd be diagnosed with cancer at some point, because her mother is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

In brief

COURTS Demi Moore is suing an Australian celebrity magazine after it published pictures of the actress at a private Oscars party earlier this year, imdb.com reports. Moore launched legal action against New Idea magazine, according to Australian News.com.au.

GAMES Video game publisher Electronic Arts Inc. has signed a deal for Hollywood director Zack Snyder, who made the hit 2006 film 300, to help develop video games, Reuters reports.

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Ritchie defends his flop
Guy Ritchie has defended his flop Swept Away, starring wife Madonna, insisting it would have been hailed had he made it before becoming famous. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Cuomo shedding his angst

Weezer singer learning to ease up on band's creative reins

Rivers Cuomo has lost control, and he seems to like it. The singer, famous for clutching the reins tightly at the front of his band Weezer, is suddenly no longer entirely in charge of any part of his life — and maybe it's no coincidence that he's more successful than ever.

PHOTO CREDIT
Weezer's Rivers Cuomo is allowing other band members to contribute more to the group.

"I'm just calming down and less likely to buy into my own negative thinking," the recovering control freak says, on the phone from a concert date in New Jersey. "I'm just more circumspect."

Perhaps there's simply little for the 38-year-old to complain about. The band is playing large venues it has never played before (Madison Square Garden in New York, and the Air Canada Centre in Toronto last night), and their current album's leadoff single Pork and Beans topped the U.S. rock radio charts for months.

His personal life is, by his account, thriving even more. Cuomo — once the perfect spokesman for fretful and awkward young men via hits like Buddy Holly and El Scorcho — has settled down with wife Kyoko Ito and 15-month-old daughter Mia, and has shed all that angst.

"It's great. Married life is great. When I'm at home, with my wife and my daughter, I just feel like I have everything I need. I just need to go to my workshop and put on some music.

"The massive discontentment I used to feel — it's not there any more."

Cuomo had worried that peace of mind might quell his creativity. A student of pop songcraft, he was famed for a large notebook in which he dissected great pop songwriters' works (reportedly a lot of Nirvana, Green Day and Oasis) to learn their secrets.

"I used to think, 'Who was great after he got married and had kids?' It's a very, very short list."

All of his worries, he says, disappeared once he experienced family firsthand; he felt dosed with fresh energy, and he recalls reading that Nelly Furtado experienced something similar while making her comeback record Loose.

"Right after my baby was born, I wrote The Greatest Man That Ever Lived — and that song's just so vital and full of joy."

That song, a sprawling, six-minute opus, breaks from Weezer's quick, fizzy formula to try stacked harmonies, Gregorian chants, and stylistic switches à la Bohemian Rhapsody.

It's a highlight of Weezer's current album, a self-titled collection (the band's third) informally dubbed The Red Album. That album also features another novelty: Cuomo's bandmates — drummer Pat Wilson, guitarist Brian Bell and bassist Scott Shriner — each making their first contributions as songwriters and lead singers.

Never mind just letting bandmates chip in songs. Reports from previous stops on the tour speak of a set list sprinkled with covers; Tom DeLonge of Angels and Airwaves (opening, along with Tokyo Police Club) singing Weezer's first hit, Undone — the Sweater Song; and fans taking over the stage to perform tunes alongside the band. In passing Cuomo notes that "I think we sell more records in Canada, per capita, than anywhere."

The more easygoing and democratic approach seems to suit Cuomo's bandmates, who have taken public pride in their enhanced roles, and it has also won favourable reviews from earlier stops on the tour.

Cuomo's not really aware of that, though.

"No, I don't follow the notices too closely, but I do get feedback. ... I don't want to be perceived like George Bush, in his own world." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In brief

CASTING Thomas Dekker, the star of Fox's Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, is in talks to take a lead role in MGM's remake of the 1980 musical Fame. Dekker is gunning to play Marco, a working-class kid with some gnarly acting chops who is competing with thousands of hopefuls to get into an elite New York public high school for the arts.

BOOKS Screenwriter William Goldman and New York Daily News sports writer Mike Lupica are combining forces for the first time, on a young adult novel. The Philomel Books tome will centre on a boy who discovers a secret power within himself when family tensions pushes it to the surface.
REUTERS

Spears plans to give fans more

TOUR Britney Spears said she plans to make her first international tour since 2004 to support her highly anticipated new album, Circus.

In an interview broadcast Monday by New York radio station Z100, Spears was asked if she planned to tour.

"Oh definitely, next year," she said, adding the tour would probably take her "around the world."

That would mark her first major concert tour since 2004. Last year, Spears performed in a handful of club shows in Southern California under the name the M+M's but did not go on the road to promote her last album, Blackout, which had a good chart debut in November 2007 but faded quickly.

Britney Spears

After more than a year of making headlines for shaving her head, attacking paparazzi with an umbrella and two admissions to psychiatric hospital units, Spears, 26, is preparing for a comeback.

Her last live public performance was a much-ridiculed rendition of Gimme More at the MTV Video Music Awards a year ago.

The singer's latest single, Womanizer, was released Friday and is the first single off Circus, which will be released Dec. 2 — her 27th birthday. She told Z100 she spent six months working on the album.
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Ghostbusters 3 in works?

Bill Murray, who has said he didn't want to return to his role of Peter Venkman in the Ghostbusters franchise, has now implied he would be willing to make Ghostbusters 3. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

The Contender moves to Singapore

Reality TV producer Mark Burnett is setting Season 4 of The Contender in Singapore, taking production of the boxing series outside the U.S. for the first time.

Hosted by Tony Danza and produced with DreamWorks Television, the fourth season will première in December.

In a statement Monday, Burnett declined to disclose terms of the deal with the Singapore Tourism Board, but he said that cooperation from the Singapore government "made it an easy decision to bring our entire U.S. production to Singapore."

Post production of the 12-episode season also will take place in Singapore as part of a one-year exclusive deal with local post house Infinite Frameworks, Burnett said.

Reality TV pioneer and The Contender producer Mark Burnett is moving season 4 of the series to Singapore.

The deal marks the second time Singapore has hosted the Contender brand.

A variation on the format, The Contender Muay Thai, was shot in the Southeast Asian island-state in 2007 as a co-production with local company Imagine Omnimedia. A second season of The Contender Muay Thai is in negotiations, Burnett said.

The Singapore version of The Contender is not part of Burnett's $20 million joint venture with Malaysian resort developer Genting International. That venture, Mark Burnett Productions Asia, is expected to announce its first locally developed TV format later this year, Burnett said REUTERS

Campbell moved by shelter work

CHARITY Supermodel Naomi Campbell wants to donate money to the London homeless shelter she served her recent community sentence in, because she realizes how worthwhile the cause is, imdb.com reports.

Naomi Campbell

Campbell was ordered to undertake 200 hours of unpaid work at Whitechapel Mission centre as punishment for assaulting two police officers on board a British Airways flight at the city's Heathrow Airport in April.

She completed her sentence at the start of September, and she learned so much about the charity during her volunteer work that she has promised to return to the soup kitchen soon to donate some cash.

"They (shelter volunteers) are lovely people," she says. "When I get a chance, I'm definitely going to be donating money to the place."

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Entertainment in brief

CASTING Danielle Panabaker, who starred on TV's Shark and appeared on the big screen in Mr. Brooks, has been cast as the female lead in the sci-fi action film Prodigy.

Prodigy centres on an elite prep school that promises to turn teenagers into geniuses through a drug-and-diet regimen for a half-million-dollar tuition. When several alumni turn up dead, the school's valedictorian is assigned to investigate the murders, leading him to a rebellious student. Panabaker plays the brilliant daughter of a senator who begins to question the powers that be.

TELEVISION Spike TV is peering into Peep Show, ordering a pilot for the single-camera comedy adaptation of a British series. Peep Show is a modern-day Odd Couple centering on a slacker and his uptight roommate. The stories are told with a first-person perspective and voice-over. Dylan Kidd is directing the pilot from a script by Sam Bain and Jesse Armstrong, writers on the U.K. series. The British series is entering its sixth season. REUTERS

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Funny duo reuniting?
Comics Jimmy Kimmel and Sarah Silverman have downplayed rumours of a romantic reunion after they were spotted holding hands in Los Angeles over the weekend. "They remain close friends," a spokesperson said. IMDB.COM

No redemption found in Dirt

Down to the Dirt

Director: Justin Simms
Stars: Hugh Dillon, Joel Thomas Hynes, Mylene Savoie, Robert Joy

There's nothing more infuriating than a tale of redemption without any real discernible sense of redemption by story's end.

That's the principle problem with Down to the Dirt, an exceedingly long film adaptation of the novel by Joel Thomas Hynes who also stars.

Hynes plays Keith Kavanagh, a local and legendary ne'er do well who calls the small Newfoundland town of the Cove home.

When he finally takes shot at escaping his go-nowhere friends and alcoholic father (Robert Joy) with the equally bored Natasha (Mylène Savoie), you can't help but root for them. However, once they hit the big time of St. John's neither does much to garner any sympathy, particularly Hynes' jerk of a protagonist.

Part of the Edmonton International Film Festival, showtime is 6:45 p.m. at the Empire City Centre Cinemas.

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Keith Kavanagh (Joel Thomas Hynes) struggles with alcoholic father (Robert Joy) in a scene from Down to the Dirt.

Let the Right One In

Director: Thomas Alfredson
Stars: Kare Hedebrant, Lina Leandersson

The idea even vampires need friends is a message at the heart of Let the Right One In, the film based on the novel by Tomas Alfredson who adapted the screenplay.

Set in Sweden, the story follows to social outcasts who befriend one another: 12-year-old Oskar (Kåre Hedebrant), a constant target of bullies at his school, and the mysterious Eli (Lina Leandersson), a "young" girl who Oskar soon discovers is a vampire.

More fable than horror, not that that movie doesn't boast its fair share of gore, Let the Right One In sees Eli empowering Oskar to stand up to his tormentors while the two share a quirky, coming-of-age style romance.

Hollywood already has this pegged for a remake, but the original is so good you have to wonder why they'd bother.

Part of the Edmonton International Film Festival, showtime is 4 p.m. at the Empire City Centre Cinemas.

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Catfight away from the catwalk

IntelleVision

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YOU'RE EITHER IN OR YOU'RE OUT – OF COURT: Project Runway's big moment in the pop culture spotlight is pretty much over, but the show is currently being fought over in court like a no-longer-cute child caught in a bitter custody battle. Last Friday, a judge granted an injunction preventing the show from making its move from NBC-owned Bravo US to the Lifetime channel, a move brokered by the Weinstein Company, the show's producers, earlier this year.

According to an NBC Universal press release, Weinstein "violated NBC Universal's right of first refusal to future cycles of Project Runway," setting the stage for a trial that could delay Lifetime's scheduled premiere of season six in January, and even see NBC regain control of the show.

This could potentially be a mortal blow for Lifetime, which has built its rebranding of the network around the US$150 million it spent on acquiring five cycles of the show.

"I am a huge fan," said Lifetime president Andrea Wong in April. "All my friends are huge fans. Having watercooler movies, dramas and reality shows like Project Runway is what Lifetime Television is all about."

Yesterday, the New York Post ran a story on how Weinstein and Lifetime ended up in this unenviable position, based on disclosures in the injunction decision by New York Supreme Court judge Richard Lowe.

It all boils down to bad blood between Harvey Weinstein and Bravo head Lauren Zalaznick, who had interfered with production on the show and blocked product integration deals that were vital to both the show's content and bottom line. Most of all, though, Weinstein hated how Bravo had cloned the Project Runway model with shows like Top Chef and Shear Genius — a curious complaint in an industry where imitation is the sincerest form of flattery you can inflict on both friends and enemies alike.

In the meantime, season six has been in production in Los Angeles for two weeks, where it'll film until mid-month, before breaking to let the finalists create the collections they'll feature in February's New York Fashion Week at the show's finale, by which point the lawsuit should be settled.

The really perverse aspect of the whole story is the likelihood that NBC Universal, should it claw the show back, will likely take it away from Bravo, in the hopes of pouring oil over the troubled waters of their relationship with Weinstein. The Post even suggested that it would be moved to the network flagship, NBC, where it's unlikely to thrive under the much higher ratings expectations of network primetime. The whole sorry spectacle — a p—ing match more than a savvy exercise in feeding the bottom line — is one that needs to be remembered whenever someone tells you that the entertainment business is only interested in making money.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Krafty Kuts

• One of the biggest names in electronic music, Krafty Kuts takes the stage Nov. 1, at the Dinwoodie Lounge. The world-renowned breakbeat chemist has taken the "Best DJ" title at the International Breakspoll Awards two years in a row, and snapped up the "Best Breaks DJ" title at the M8 Awards in 2006, the same year his debut album "Freakshow" dropped worldwide. Dynamite MC will be alongside on the mic, with support from local fave, DJ Degree, Da Phuture DJ's, David Stone, Tony Donahue, Agent Orange and Battery. Tickets are $25 at Foosh, Blackbyrd Myoozik, Soular, and Ticketmaster.

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Fox likely to pick up Good Vibes

TELEVISION Fox is getting Good Vibes about a new animated comedy from Pineapple Express director David Gordon Green. The network has ordered a presentation from the project for spring consideration.

Written by Green and to be drawn by Brad Abelson (The Simpsons), Good Vibes revolves around a crazy group of high school students living in a California community.

REUTERS

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	45	FAM	557	541	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School
cable variety	-	TVA	121	714	TVA 18 heures	Le Cercle (SC)	Occupation	Poule-oeufs or	Le Débat des chefs Débat entre les chefs de partis. (N)				TVA 22 heures
	18	CMT	575	583	Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Keith Urban: Invitation Only		Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.
	25	A&E	615	520	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel Mindfreak		Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	
	26	MMM	571	581	Listed		Brooke Knows	Revival	Party of Five		Brooke Knows	Revival	Party of Five
	29	FOOD	603	561	Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.	Dinner Imposs.	Restaurant Makeover		Challenge "Fire & Ice"		Iron Chef Am.
	31	SHOW	617	522	Saxondale	Saxondale	Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Billable Hours	Billable Hours	Durham County		The Riches
	32	DISC	520	505	Monster Moves (N)		Mayday		Daily Planet		MythBusters		Cash Cab
	33	SLICE	601	562	Work Out		Inside Hollywood (DVS)		X-Weighted		Work Out		Inside Hollywd.
	34	W	602	567	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)		Gok's Fashion
	35	TLC	521	560	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Toddlers & Tiaras		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Toddlers
	36	BRAVO	620	523	Wingfield	Letters	A Vision of Blindness (N)		Law & Order		Without a Trace		American Mv
	38	SPIKE	628	584	UFC Unleashed (N)		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		MANswers (N)	MANswers	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Trek: Voyager
	40	HIST	522	506	Real Chainsaw Massacre		NCIS "In the Dark"		Crime Stories		Cities of the Underworld		Dig for Truth
	41	COM	626	547	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black
	43	SPACE	627	528	Battlestar Galactica		Ghost Hunters International (N)		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Lost "Homecoming"		Deep Space 9
	44	WPCH	294	650	(6) Steel Magnolias ★★★ (1989)			Family Guy	Family Guy	Steve Harvey	Steel Magnolias (1989, Comedy-Drama)		
	46	OLN	411	457	Ed's Up	Adventures	Word Travels	Globe Guides	Pilot Guides "Germany"		Don't Forget Your Passport		Ed's Up
	48	TROP	619	525	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210		Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	50	STAR	621	527	Paris Hilton's My New BFF		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		TMZ	eTalk	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		Hollywood
	52	HGTV	600	564	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Million Dollar Listing		Holmes on Homes		Mansions	The Stagers	Property Virgin
	65	TLN	700	800	La Figlia di Elisa Ritorno		Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez	George Lopez	The Sopranos (SS)		David Rocco
	92	APTN	269	350	News		Canadian Geographic		Reel Insights Daphne Odjig.		APTN National News: Contact (N)		
	93	VISION	261	394	Darling Buds of May		Benmergui-Isr	Archaeologist	Soferet: A Special Scribe		Benmergui-Isr	Archaeologist	Special Scribe
	100	MTV	581	566	Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		MTV Live	After	Man and Wife	Exiled	Real World-Rd
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	103	CLT	526	507	(6) Broken Lullaby		Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy		America in the Fifties		Broken Lullaby
	105	TV5	145	761	Mystère de...		Partir	Facteur	Journal TV5	Le 3950 "Peopleisation"		Sur la route légendaire du thé	
	106	RDI	126	730	(6) Élections Canada 2008		Élections Canada 2008 "Analyse du débat"				Le Journal RDI	Le Journal RDI	Le Téléjournal

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Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag
Betty Crocker is an American icon; you'd think Anna and Kristina would pick an American dish, not a British staple, for their test run of the "Betty Crocker Cookbook." But no; they're trying Betty's recipe for beer-battered fish and chips and giving a British pub owner the honor of taste-testing it. First, though, they have to find the right beer, which involves its own taste test. 9 PM on W

Knight Rider
It's a story as old as time: Mike and a former Army buddy (Justin Bruening, Johnny Messner) try to bring down a drag racing gang that's smuggling weapons overseas. (Because drag racing certainly wouldn't draw any attention to your smuggling operation ...) And much to her father's dismay, Sarah (Deanna Russo) joins Mike and KITT (voice of Val Kilmer) on their mission in this new episode. 9 PM on KHQ

Costner to release album

Actor Kevin Costner will fulfil a longtime dream in November when he releases his first album with his country-rock band, Modern West. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

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J.Lo looks to expand family with Marc

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez would "love to have more children" with husband Marc Anthony, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer/actress, who gave birth to twins Max and Emme, her first children with Marc, in February, is already planning to extend her family further but doesn't know when she will find the time.

"I'd love to have more kids. I don't know when, we'll see, you know, that's the same way my first ones happened!" says Lopez, who previously revealed she got pregnant as soon as she stopped trying to conceive.

"We'll just do it the same way for the second time around!"

Lopez also says becoming a mother has changed her "whole perspective on life."

"It has changed me very much. It really prioritized what you thought was important and what was not so important," she told Entertainment Tonight.

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celebrity brief

Britney sings an 'anthem' for empowerment

MUSIC Britney Spears says her new song, Womanizer — which debuted on Friday — is an empowering anthem for girls, People.com reports.

"It's basically saying, 'We know what you're up to.' It's about guys cheating on girls," the singer told New York's Z100 radio station on Monday.

"It's a girl anthem. That's why I like it."

The song is the first single from Spears' upcoming album, Circus, due for release on Dec. 2, her 27th birthday.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

I'm worried about **Daniel Craig**. By saying he's going to give up his fitness regimen so he can get "fat and old," Craig is displaying symptoms of the dreaded NPES, or Normal Person Envy Syndrome.

NPES is an affliction that can strike the famous without warning. Symptoms include aspiring to acquire a lifestyle identical to that of the average fan.

Craig is under the delusion he'd like to stop working out so that he's no longer the object of lust for women worldwide. It's no good to explain to him that being a normal, fat, old person isn't all it's cracked up to be. The man-boobs, the front-butt, the inability to live in denial by bedding 21-year-olds. This is all that being "normal" means.

Let's hope Craig gets help. Left untreated, NPES could see him making good on his threat to eschew the gym for a diet rich in carbs, alcohol, and cheese doodles. Before long, people will think he's **Russell Crowe**.

And that's the hopeful scenario. Some afflicted stars have gone so far as to stalk their fans. A well-known actress recently received a restraining order after leaving more than 500 phone messages in a single weekend for Katy Bleeker, a 30-year-old supermarket cashier in Omaha, Neb.

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Lazy days for Craig

LIFETSTYLE James Bond star Daniel Craig is obsessed with keeping fit, but insists he will stop soon so that he can get "fat and old," imdb.com reports.

The actor is happy with his lean figure, and eats three meals a day. But the star confesses that he will soon give up his fitness regimen — because he is getting too old to keep it up.

"I eat a full breakfast, full lunch, full dinner and once or twice a week I might even drink Guinness and red wine and all that stuff. Otherwise, you go insane. You get into a stupid place. I'm obsessive enough about getting fit, it's ridiculous," he tells Britain's GQ magazine.

"I'm 40 now and I've got to stop doing it soon. I have to start getting fat and old."

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Osbourne got sex ed just like a rock star

GROWING UP Kelly Osbourne was given sex-education lessons while on tour with her rocker father Ozzy, because organizers handed out free condoms to everyone backstage, imdb.com reports.

The 23-year-old spent a lot of time on the road as a child, touring with her dad's band, Black Sabbath.

Osbourne admits that the rock 'n' roll lifestyle she witnessed forced her mother, rock matriarch Sharon Osbourne, to tell her the facts of life at a young age.

"I was on tour with my dad and at every single one of his shows, they hand out free condoms," she tells British magazine New!

"I was about seven or eight and I picked up a packet and was like, 'Mum, what's this?' She had to explain to me what they were. It was something my parents have never been shy about. They always told us what they think and that we should protect ourselves."

Osbourne has also revealed she is tested for sexually transmitted diseases four times a year, the Daily Mail reports.

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Pam a man 'ruiner'

DATING Pamela Anderson would "ruin" a good boy if she ever dated one, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress is always drawn to bad boys, and thinks she will end up growing old with her ex-husband Tommy Lee.

Anderson is living with Lee and their two sons Brandon, 12, and 10-year-old Dylan while her house is being renovated.

"Bad boys just keep following me around. What would I do with a good boy? Ruin him, probably," she says. "I think I'm stuck with Tommy.

"To make it work, you have to allow freedom."

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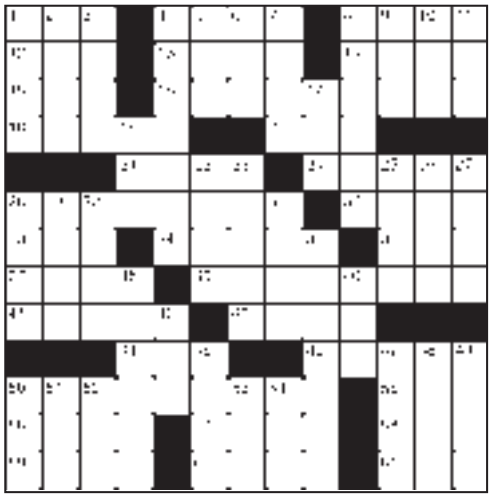

Crossword across

1 Automaton, for short
4 Siestas
8 Do as you're told
12 "— Town"
13 October birthstone
14 Base runner's goal
15 Expert
16 Persistent
18 Wheat bundle
20 Court
21 Freeway exit
24 Knighted women
28 Courteous
32 Shaving mishap
33 Conger, for one
34 Portrayals
36 Lanka lead-in
37 Creche trio
39 Roomy
41 Viewpoint
43 Use a teaspoon
44 Comedian Caesar
46 Pepé Le Pew, e.g.
50 Having a huge appetite
55 Brooch
56 Pizzeria fixture
57 Mediocre
58 Inseparable
59 Greet silently
60 Burn somewhat
61 Fresh

Crossword down

1 Slithery squeezers
2 "That hurts!"
3 Shade provider
4 "You cheated!"
5 Mimic
6 Zero-star review
7 Cabbage salad
8 Buckeye
9 Halloween cry
10 Ostrich's cousin
11 "Of course"
17 Massachusetts cape
19 Joan of —
22 Bovine conversation
23 Tooth tissues
25 Soybean paste
26 Beige
27 Vail equipment
28 Lapidary's wares
29 Authentic
30 Agar source
31 Membership
35 Cut
38 Mad
40 Annoy
42 — -tac-toe
45 Platter
47 Atop
48 Morning hour
49 Recognized
50 Solemn promise
51 Eggs
52 Gun the engine
53 Sound of awe
54 "Born in the —"

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5				8			4	
			5			6		
4		9			7	3		
		8						6
9		5	6		8	2		3
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		1	4			7		2
		7			3			
	5			1				4

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	8	1	2	3	6	9	5	7
3	5	9	7	1	8	2	4	6
6	7	2	5	9	4	8	3	1
8	6	5	1	4	2	3	7	9
1	9	3	6	8	7	5	2	4
7	2	4	9	5	3	1	6	8
9	3	6	4	2	1	7	8	5
2	1	7	8	6	5	4	9	3
5	4	8	3	7	9	6	1	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Greek-style lemon chicken soup

INGREDIENTS:
12 oz (375 g) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 large carrot, thinly sliced
6 black peppercorns
Strip of lemon zest
1 small bunch fresh dill or flat-leaf parsley
1/2 cup (125 mL) long-grain white rice
Juice of 1 lemon
2 eggs, beaten
Salt and pepper

GARNISH:
Sprigs of fresh dill or flat-leaf parsley

METHOD:
1. Place chicken breasts, onion, celery, carrot, black peppercorns, lemon zest and dill or parsley into a large saucepan. Add 4 cups (1 L) water and bring to a boil over medium heat, skimming off foam. Reduce heat and half-cover with a lid, so water bubbles gently. Simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 15 minutes.
2. Remove chicken from pan with a slotted spoon and set aside. Strain the broth through a large sieve into a clean pan, discarding the vegetables and flavourings.
3. Reheat broth until boiling, then stir in rice. Simmer gently until rice is almost tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut or tear chicken into thin shreds, and mix lemon juice with beaten eggs.
4. Add shredded chicken to soup. Heat over medium heat until soup almost boils again. Remove from heat and pour in lemon juice mixture, stirring constantly. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Serve immediately, garnished with sprigs of dill or parsley.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Abstinence will force a cancellation. Privacy will cause a problem for a loner. You'll realize that there's no help for a personality defect.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
News of a bungled test surprises everyone. A chat comes in handy with a forceful woman. Someone is ready to bolt from a relationship.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Resist the desire to be stubborn. A male friend ups the ante. Rough and tumble playing will interfere with being logical.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Stand on your own two feet in a precarious love affair. A maternal person has a message for you. A damaged quest is brooded over.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A man deals with harsh words at a meeting. A pitiful friend will tell you of a back pain. A cry for freedom will be considered.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A blonde works on your development. Your friendly nature protects those who are faltering. A man threatens others with punishment.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You should accept that miracles will happen. Avoid an invitation for a fun event. An obsession causes harsh words to be spoken.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Impressive remarks are made in a debate. A bubbly female changes your mind. Give up before making any senseless demands.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A magical change will give you chills. Concealed feelings will come to a head. Put a stop to criticism by being chattier.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A careless comment will tell you the whole story. Taking extreme action will work to your advantage. Your decisions are influenced by visitors.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Frantic activity appears to rattle someone. You'll want to flee from affectionate bonding. Be careful not to lose your train of thought.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You won't be forgotten by an angry man. A conversation will concern unusual actions. You'll be disappointed by a special person.

This day in history

OCT. 1, 331 BC: Alexander the Great defeats Darius III of Persia in the Battle of Gaugamela.
OCT. 1, 1880: Belgium is conquered by France.
OCT. 1, 1908: Ford puts the Model T car on the market at a price of $825 US.
OCT. 1, 1960: Nigeria gains independence from the United Kingdom.
OCT. 1, 1971: Walt Disney World opens near Orlando, Florida, United States.
OCT. 1, 1989: Denmark: World's first legal modern same-sex civil union called "registered partnership."

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